

REMARKS

This paper is submitted in response to the final Office action mailed on June 11, 2007 and the Advisory Action mailed on September 11, 2007. This paper amends claims 1, 7 and 13 and cancels claims 5, 6, 11, 12, 17 and 18. Accordingly, after entry of this Amendment and Response, claims 1-4, 7-10 and 13-16 will be pending.

I. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-5, 7-11 and 13-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Pat. No. 5,740,443 to Carini (hereinafter "Carini"), in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,971,091 to Arnold et al. (hereinafter "Arnold"). Pursuant to the allowable subject matter discussed below, Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to include the limitations of dependent claims 5 and 6, independent claim 7 to include the limitations of dependent claims 11 and 12 and independent claim 13 to include the limitations of dependent claims 17 and 18. As such, claims 1-4, 7-10 and 13-16 are now patentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Carini in view of Arnold. Applicant's amendment of the independent claims is not an admission that the Applicant's claims prior to amendment were obvious under Carini and Arnold.

II. Allowable Subject Matter**A. Claim 6**

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claim 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the limitations of claims 5 and 6 have been incorporated into claim 1, making claim 1 now in form for allowance. Claims 2-4 were previously rejected. However, these claims depend from allowable claim 1. Therefore, it is believed that claims 2-4 are now allowable for at least the same reasons as amended claim 1.

B. Claim 12

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claim 12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the limitations of claims 11 and 12 have been incorporated into claim 7, making claim 7 now in form for allowance. Claims 8-10 were previously rejected. However, these claims depend from allowable claim 7. Therefore, it is believed that claims 8-10 are now allowable for at least the same reasons as amended claim 7.

C. Claim 18

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claim 18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any

intervening claims. Accordingly, the limitations of claims 17 and 18 have been incorporated into claim 13, making claim 13 now in form for allowance. Claims 14-16 were previously rejected. However, these claims depend from allowable claim 13. Therefore, it is believed that claims 14-16 are now allowable for at least the same reasons as amended claim 13.

III. Conclusion

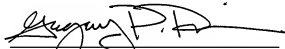
The Applicant thanks the Examiner for his thorough review of the application. The Applicant respectfully submits the present application, as amended, is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests the issuance of a Notice of Allowability as soon as practicable.

This Amendment is submitted contemporaneously with a petition for a one-month extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.136(a). Accordingly, please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415 in the amount of \$120.00, for a one-month extension of time fee. The Applicant believes no further fees or petitions are required. However, if any such petitions or fees are necessary, please consider this a request therefor and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415 accordingly.

If the Examiner should require any additional information or amendment, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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